

7 DAYS IN

Victoria Falls

Zimbabwe's Greatest Show

DESTINATION
ZIMBABWE

DURATION
7 DAYS

BEST SEASON
AUG TO JAN

BUDGET
\$500 – \$900 / DAY

FROM THE EDITOR

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Why I Keep Going Back

"There is a moment when you are sitting in Devil's Pool, on the lip of one of the largest waterfalls in the world, with mist rising around you and a 108-meter drop three feet to your left, and your brain just refuses to process what is happening."

BRANT PINVIDIC, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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That moment in the pool is why we collect experiences. You cannot buy it. You cannot replicate it. You can only show up and let it hit you.

The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is where I stay every time. Monica and the team run one of the best operations in Africa. I have tried other properties in the area and none come close for the combination of location, service, wildlife access, and the atmosphere of waking up to elephants at the waterhole 50 meters from your room. This itinerary is tested. Every day I describe below I have personally done. Trust the sequence.

— BRANT

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TESTED & RATED

The FAVE Score

Fun and Adventure as high as anything I have ever rated. The only mark holding the number back is Ease, and that is about getting here, not about the days once you land. Don't let it stop you.

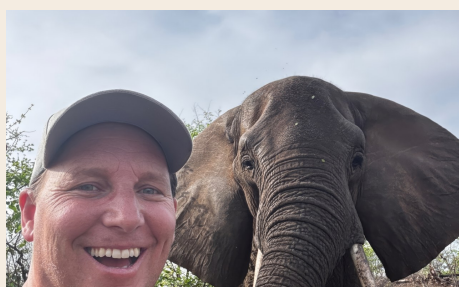
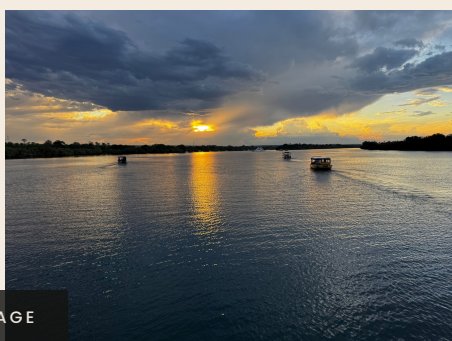


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FAVE SCORE

Victoria Falls

VICTORIA FALLS · ZIMBABWE

8.6/10

WORTH THE
TRIP

FUN		9.5/10
ADVENTURE		9.5/10
VALUE		8.0/10
EASE		7.5/10

Overall 8.6. The Fun and Adventure scores are as high as anything I have rated. Ease reflects getting here, not the experience once you land. Don't let it stop you.

WATCH THE ADVENTURE

See It For Yourself

Two reels from the trip. No still photo lands the feeling of sitting on the edge. Watch them before you book.

[▶ WATCH ON INSTAGRAM](#)

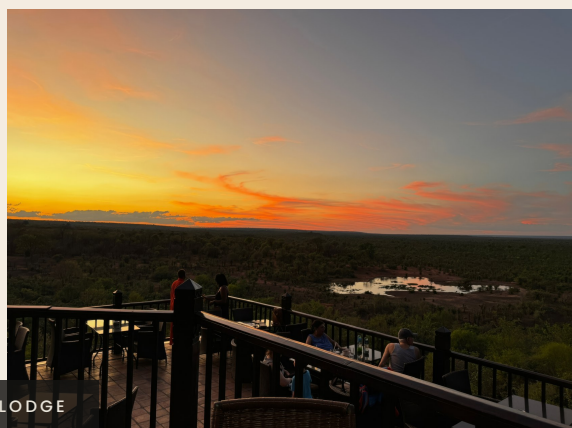
ACCOMMODATION

Where To Stay

One lodge, and I do not hedge on this. Victoria Falls Safari Lodge sits 4km from the falls entrance, inside the national park buffer. Elephants show up at the waterhole during breakfast and walk through the grounds at night. A complimentary shuttle runs to town and to the falls.



PHOTO: BRANT PINVIDIC / REJECT AVERAGE — VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE



Contact Monica Directly

Monica handles group bookings, special requests, and rates. Email saf lodge1@vfsl.co.zw and mention Brant Pinvidic from Reject Average. She will make sure your stay is set up properly before you arrive.

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Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

REJECT AVERAGE RECOMMENDED

Award-winning luxury with sunset views over the wildlife waterhole. Thatched architecture, open-air decks, 72 rooms including waterhole-facing suites. MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant and Buffalo Bar on site. The Siduli Hide offers the closest wild elephant and buffalo encounters you can have. 4km from the falls, complimentary shuttle.

→ [BOOK VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE](#)

TIMING

When To Go

The falls stretch 1,700 meters wide and drop up to 108 meters. What you see and what you can do depends entirely on the season.

APR – JUN

Peak flow. Thundering walls and full spray. The helicopter is the only clear view of the falls.

HIGH DRAMA**JUL – SEP**

Receding water, falls still epic, and Devil's Pool opens for the season.

BEST OVERALL**OCT – JAN**

Lower water, Devil's Pool at its best, and dramatic storm skies over the gorge.

MY PICK**FEB – MAR**

Wet season. Heavy mist and green everywhere, but some activities are restricted.

OFF-PEAK**BRANT'S RECOMMENDATION**

October or November. The falls are fully accessible, Devil's Pool is open at its best, and the storm skies produce sunsets I have not seen anywhere else in the world.

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PHOTO: BRANT PINVIDIC / REJECT AVERAGE — STORM SKIES OVER THE ZAMBEZI

HOW THE DAYS UNFOLD

The 7-Day Framework

Each day is built around one primary experience so nothing competes for your attention. Every day below I have personally done. Trust the sequence.

- 1

ARRIVAL • SAFARI LODGE

Land. Decompress. Let Africa Come To You.

The lodge shuttle collects you at the airport. Check in, walk to the pool deck, order something cold, and watch the waterhole. You will see elephant within two hours. Sundowners at the Buffalo Bar, dinner at MaKuwa-Kuwa, and an optional 4pm game drive to ease you in.


- 2

FROM THE SKY • THE GORGE

Helicopter Over The Falls. Your First Real Look.

Do the helicopter before you stand next to it. A 13-minute flight puts the whole scale into context: all 1,700 meters, the five distinct sections, the Batoka Gorge below. Book at the Activities Desk for 7am. The Boma Dinner and Drum Show tonight.


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WILDLIFE • ZAMBEZI NP

Morning Game Drive. Siduli Hide. Evening Drive.

A 6am drive across Zambezi National Park; I photographed a black rhino here last visit. Mid-morning at the Siduli Hide, an underground waterhole hide with no glass or railing between you and the animals. The afternoon drive closes with a sundowner in the bush.


- 4

ON THE RIVER • ZAMBEZI

Zambezi Sunset Cruise. This Is The One.

Two hours on the river, drink in hand, hippos in the shallows, crocodiles on the banks, and an African sky doing things you did not know sky could do. Departs late afternoon, back at dusk. One of the top five sunset experiences I have had anywhere.


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THE EDGE • LIVINGSTONE ISLAND

Devil's Pool, On The Lip Of The Falls.

Cross into Zambia on the KAZA Uni-Visa. Guided by boat to Livingstone Island, then wade to Devil's Pool, a natural rock pool at the very lip of the falls. You swim in it and peer over a 108-meter drop. Seasonal, best August through January. Book well ahead.


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ADRENALINE • BATOKA GORGE

Walk With Elephants. Then Raft The Zambezi.

Walk alongside full-grown African elephants through the bush while your guide explains their behavior and the conservation behind it. The afternoon is Grade 5 white water at the base of Batoka Gorge, some of the best commercially guided rafting anywhere. You will sleep well.


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FINAL DAY • SAFARI LODGE

Spa Morning. Last Waterhole. Slow Exit.

The Victoria Falls Safari Spa is world-class; book online before you leave home. A long lunch at MaKuwa-Kuwa, then the final afternoon back at the waterhole. The airport is 15 minutes away. You are not in a hurry.



WHERE TO EAT

Eat On The Estate

You do not need to leave the property to eat well. Between the restaurant, the bar, and one night off-site, the food is part of the experience, not an afterthought.

MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant

Open-air, overlooking the bush, and genuinely good food. The braai nights and African set menus are worth planning around. Breakfast here comes with elephant sightings as the backdrop.

Buffalo Bar

Sundowners on the deck facing the waterhole. Do not skip the local Zambezi lager.

The Boma

DINNER AND DRUM SHOW

Local cuisine, traditional dancing, and interactive drumming. The one meal worth leaving the estate for. The lodge shuttle takes you there and back.

→ **BOOK AT [THEBOMA.CO.ZW](https://www.theboma.co.zw)**

GOOD TO KNOW

Practical Reality

GETTING THERE

Victoria Falls Airport (VFA), routed via Johannesburg or Nairobi. From the US expect 16 to 22 hours. Ethiopian Airlines and South African Airways are the most reliable.

VISAS

Zimbabwe single entry \$30 USD. The KAZA Uni-Visa (\$50) covers Zimbabwe and Zambia, which you need for Devil's Pool. UK \$55, Canada \$75. Available at port of entry. Verify before departure.

CURRENCY

US Dollars are primary. Bring small bills (\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20) for park fees, tips, and souvenirs. Cards are accepted at the lodge. No ATM on the estate.

HEALTH

Malaria zone. Take antimalarial medication and pack DEET repellent. Travel insurance with medical evacuation coverage is non-negotiable.

DEVIL'S POOL

Zambia side, seasonal, best August through January. Book through the lodge team well in advance. It sells out weeks ahead in peak season.

ACTIVITIES DESK

Open daily 7am to 7pm. Book helicopter, game drives, cruise, elephant walk, and rafting here. National Parks fees are paid in cash at each activity.

SPA BOOKING

World-class, and Day 7 fills up fast. Book online before you leave home rather than on arrival.

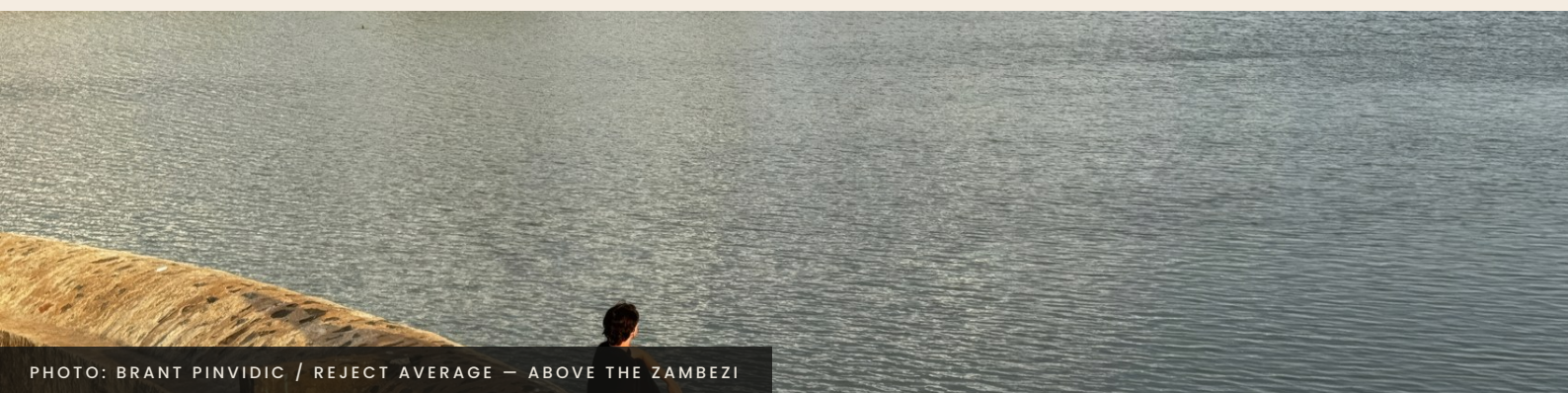


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Ready To Book?

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BOOK THE LODGE

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